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In re application of:

Tomoo Iijima et al

Serial No.: 09/466,895

Group Art Unit: 2841

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Examiner: J. Alcala

For: WIRING SUBSTRATE FOR MOUNTING SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENTS AND FABRICATING METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 15, 2001

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 15, 2001, requiring restriction between two alleged inventions under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Office Action, restriction was made between the inventions of Group I drawn to a printed circuit board with a particular substrate (claims 1, 3-12) and Group II drawn to a method of making a printed circuit board with a particular substrate (claims 2, 13-14).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group II, that is, claims 2, 13 and 14, for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

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It further was indicated that the claims are directed to patentably distinct species 1 (Figures 1, 2A-2D, 3A-3C), species 2 (Figures 4); species 3 (Figures 5, 6A-6D, 7A-7B); species 4 (Figure 8); species 5 (Figures 9, 10A-10C, 11A-11B); species 6 (Figure 12); species 7 (Figure 13); species 8 (Figure 14); species 9 (Figures 15, 16A-16D, 17A-17C); species 10 (Figures 18 and 19); species 11 (Figure 14); species 12 (Figure 23); species 13 (Figures 24 and 25); species 14 (Figures 26, 27A-27D, 28A-28B); species 15 (Figures 29, 30A-30B, 31A-31B) species 16 (Figure 32); species 17 (Figure 33); species 18 (Figures 34A-34D, 35A-35B); species 19 (Figures 36A-36C, 37A-37C); species 20 (Figures 38, 39A-39C, 40A-40B); and species 21 (Figures 42A-42D, 43A-43D, 44A-44D). It therefore was required that applicants elect one of the species for examination in the event no generic claim is found to be allowable. It also was required that applicants state the claims which read on the elected species.

Please be advised species 9 (embodiments of Figures 15, 16A-16D, and 17A-17C) is elected for prosecution on the merits. From a review of the specification and claims, it would appear that claims 13-14 read on the noted species.

Favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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